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PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Members of Plymouth House took charge of the evening radio service of First Congregational Church in Berkeley on April 27th. The group held its regular Sunday evening worship service and forum in the studios of KRE. Encouraging response was received from listeners, and Plymouth House hopes it may be possible to broadcast such a program each semester. It is hoped this will be one means of acquainting churches in the area with the character of Plymouth House programs and activities.

The speaker was Miss Ione Catton of the Board of Home Missions of New York, and the Plymouth House choir, under the direction of Charles Black, made its radio debut.

The broadcast was arranged to mark the beginning of Religious Emphasis Week, a cooperative undertaking by the various student centers and associations serving the University of California. Plans for the week included a daily chapel service at which Professor Buell Gallagher was speaker, a dinner for all cabinet members and officers of student religious groups at which Chaplain George J. Hall, of Stanford University, gave the address, and a mass meeting held in Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday, May 4th, when Dr. Ronald Bridges gave the address on the theme for the week, "Religion, Yes—But Why The Church?"

More than 150 college students joined in a party on Friday evening, April 25th, which was jointly sponsored by Plymouth House, the South Berkeley Community Church, the Wesley Foundation, and the Berkeley Fellowship. It was a fine occasion when students of different racial groups entered into fellowship with one another.

Members of Plymouth House are already looking forward to the college-age student camp August 30 to September 6th at Cazadero. Director of the camp will be Ford Forsyth, minister to Plymouth House. Leaders who have already accepted invitations include Rev. Ralph Hyslop, Dr. Ronald Bridges and Rev. Gordon L. Foster.

WANTED—A CAR

Rev. William F. Keeney, pastor at Weaverville, desperately needs a good second hand automobile. He cannot minister to that great county with an old brokendown car. There is difficulty in finding one that is dependable, prices are high, and a minister's salary is low. Is there someone in the Conference who has a car that he could GIVE or could let the Conference have at a low figure? Perhaps there are many who would make a gift toward the purchase of a car. Please write to Superintendent Harley H. Gill, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, and DO IT NOW!

The Pacific makes its apologies for being later than any time within the memory of the editor. This is partly due to a very heavy schedule and partly to a change in printers. The June issue will probably be late, but beginning September we hope to be back on our regular schedule.

Director of Extension Work

REV. SIDNEY H. BUCKHAM

The Conference Board of Directors, the New Work Committee, and the recently appointed Committee of Ten unite in introducing Rev. Sidney H. Buckham as our new Director of Extension Work. In the past several months Mr. Buckham's leadership and interest in this field made the choice of him inevitable. He was made chairman of the New Work Committee which was authorized at the Sacramento Conference last October. It will be remembered that at the meeting to study the Paul Douglass Survey, a recommendation was made that a Committee of Ten be appointed to continue the studies which had been started. When the committee was authorized by the Conference Board to find a new director, it very quickly turned to Mr. Buckham. The San Mateo church generously released him and he began work as of May 15th.

Mr. Buckham is a native of Massachusetts, a son of our beloved late Dr. John W. Buckham. He was educated at the University of California and at Pomona College, graduating "cum laude" in 1923. In the same year he married Miss Alice May Schilling who had just graduated from the University of California. He was awarded his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Pacific School of Religion in 1926. He served for two years as Director of Religious Education at the Central Union Church in Honolulu. In 1928 he became Educational Secretary for the Southern California Congregational Conference. In 1931 he took a graduate course at Union Seminary, New York, and spent some time with Mrs. Buckham traveling in Europe. For four years he was pastor of a Congregational Church at North Bennington, Vermont, coming to San Mateo in 1936.

During his ministry, the San Mateo church has become one of our leading churches, the membership going up from 302 to 715, the budget being multiplied several times, and the giving to benevolences even more. Under his leadership an Associate minister and Director of Christian Education, Rev. Benton Gaskell, was called that the program of the church might be enlarged to meet the increasing opportunities. Mr. Buckham will continue to make his home in San Mateo for the present. He can be reached by correspondence or telephone at his home, 110 Castilian Way, San Mateo, or through the Conference office. His immediate concern will be the study of very promising areas for new work. The Committee of Ten has advised him to take one month for special study in church and community survey work at Chicago Theological Seminary under the guidance of Professor Samuel Kinchloe.

EXTENSION DIRECTOR SPEAKS

One of the largest migrations in American history is occurring right now, and we Californians are on the receiving end of it. Back east in the national offices of our denomination, they call the Pacific Coast the "growing edge of Congregationalism," They are looking to us, in the northern and southern parts of this state, to take aggressive steps to meet this challenge by strengthening our present churches, and establishing new ones in high-potential areas from Eureka to San Diego, and from the Sierras to the sea.

History sometimes repeats itself, and our destiny today is a recapitulation of the opportunity that faced the Congregational Home Missionary Society in the second half of the last century. Sixty-three of our one hundred churches now listed in this Conference were established between 1849 and 1900. Of the thirty-seven churches founded since 1900, only seven have been launched since 1925. There was some justification for us to rest on our oars as a Conference, and to strengthen our early gains by wise statesmanship and careful planning during this latter era. We were right also in being cautious about the war boom that began in 1942, which gave no assurance of a permanent increase of population on the Coast.

But today we realize that the impetus given to us from 1942 to 1945 was sufficient to send us on our way toward the rapid realization of the dream that we have fostered for many years, that California was to become a mighty agricultural and industrial empire. It is happening now at an astounding rate, as proven by statistics, and as visible to anyone who drives his auto in any direction from where he lives.

Knowing this, and sensing the demand of the entire Conference for immediate action, the Board of Directors has appointed me "Director of Extension Work" to assist our Superintendent in meeting the task that is before us. I am grateful for the honor of being asked to tackle this new project. It is going to be a privilege to work with Harley Gill and William Meyer in this great enterprise. But I know that it is a job that all of us will have to do together —ministers, laymen, and Conference staff. With the earnest cooperation of all we shall do our share as a denomination, along with the others, in building the Kingdom in "California, golden-sandaled, decked in robes of living green."

Sidney H. Buckham.

COMMITTEES

The Conference New Work Committee now consists of Rev. Robert W. Inglis of Plymouth Church, Oakland, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Martinez, and Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk of Lodi.

The Committee of Ten includes the above-named members of the New Work Committee and in addition, Mrs. Chester Marliave of North Church, Berkeley, Mr. John G. Neukom of San Mateo, Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe of Benicia, Rev. John H. Gregg of Fresno, Mr. Peirce Coombes of Redwood City and Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Orinda. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Extension Work, will work under the general supervision of these committees.

NEW TITLE

By action of the Conference Board of Directors, Rev. Wiliam W. Meyer will hereafter be known as Director of Christian Education rather than as Field Secretary. His office for the time being will continue to be at 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

ORGANIST NEEDED

Our San Francisco Chinese church needs very much to find some one to serve as organist and choir director. This will involve practice on Friday evenings and presence at the Sunday morning services. A modest amount can be appropriated as an honorarium. Please 'phone Rev. Bing Yee Leong, China 0777.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 30, June 1—Memorial Day Work Camp at Cazadero.
June 14-21—Redwood Empire Youth Camp, Cazadero (note change).
June 21-28—West Bay and San Joaquin Camp, Cazadero.
June 21-July 3—Christian Education Laboratory School, Oakland, Plymouth.
June 25-29—General Conference of the German Churches, Lodi.
June 28-July 5—Central Area P. F. Camp, Cazadero (note change).
July 5-12—Upper Bay P. F. Camp, Cazadero.
July 12-19—Family Camp, Cazadero.
July 19-26—Family Camp, Cazadero.
July 26-August 2—Junior Hi Camp, Cazadero (Redwood, Upper Bay, West Bay).
August 1-6—M. E. M. Conference, Asilomar.
August 9-16—East Bay P. F. Camp, Cazadero.
August 16-23—Junior High Camp, Cazadero (East Bay, Central, San Joaquin).
August 23-30—State P. F. Camp, Cazadero.
August 30-September 6—College Age Camp, Cazadero (Student and Young Adult).
October 17-19—Annal meeting of the State Conference, First Church, Berkeley.

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AVOID SLUMP!

There was encouraging gain during April but this was more than accounted for by individual gifts for the new Conference Church Extension Work. The remittances from the churches have fallen a bit behind. There are still many churches that have done nothing for the War Victims Fund as yet this year, and a few that have made no remittances for regular benevolences. Summer is on the way; let us see to it that there is no summer slump.

	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1946	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1947	C.W.V.R.
Alameda	591.06	623.65	257.68
Adin	7.00	11.75	.....
Alturas	47.65	23.77	4.00
Angels Camp	100.00	50.00	28.50
Antioch	25.38	57.14	45.74
Auburn	56.00	67.45	51.19
Benicia	.....	89.50	78.00
Berkeley,			
Arlington	33.90	21.48	52.49
Chinese	10.00	.....	.....
First	4,904.91	3,816.07	3,378.67
North	234.85	229.75	155.10
Northbrae	.....	375.60	.....
South Community	164.92	184.70	20.00
Campbell	50.00	.....	.....
Cedarville	33.75	33.75	.....
Cloverdale	21.92	16.31	.....
Cotati	25.00	30.00	25.00
Crockett	32.93	43.53	5.00
Dinuba	.60	.....	.....
Elk Grove	6.64	19.00	28.50
Etna	.....	6.90	.....
Eureka	222.94	309.94	190.36
Fairfax	.....	5.05	.....
Ferndale	84.55	82.70	15.00
Fresno			
First	655.00	365.00	794.90
Japanese	.....	25.00	.....
Glen Ellen	70.00	50.00	90.00
Grass Valley	25.00	.....	.....
Guerneville	13.40	14.15	.....
Hayward	10.00	.....	.....
Kenwood	8.45	17.31	.....
Lodi			
Ebenezer	28.80	.....	.....
First	2,985.00	1,705.98	555.00
Loleta	4.00	.....	.....
Loomis	100.00	100.00	.....
Martinez	385.06	160.40	782.61
Murphys	81.00	100.00	.....
Niles	50.00	.....	.....
Oakland,			
First	2,512.57	2,263.63	743.40
Fruitvale	26.50	15.00	.....
Pilgrim	31.60	23.34	17.44
Plymouth	421.23	430.72	158.95
Orinda	131.08	288.79	.....
Oroville	572.72	374.30	176.63
Pacific Grove	24.60	119 10	9.90
Palo Alto	500.00	1,500.00	785.55
Paradise	200.00	272 00	33.00
Parlier	25.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	14.43	41.87	.....
Pescadero	.....	20.00	.....
Petaluma	336 00	300.00	300.00
Pittsburg	79.63	93.98	.....
Port Chicago	.....	25.00	.....
Porterville	600.00	565.80	895.22
Redwood City	212.04	760.59	760.10
Reedley	.....	15.00	.....
Rio Vista	50.00	85.00	15.00
Ripon	86.84	66.75	25.00
Sacramento	550.00	507.50	1,000 00
Salida	35.00	52.00	.....
San Carlos	100.00	180.00	125.00
San Francisco,			
Bethany			
Mission Park	122.16	84.10	34.05
Calvary		30.00	.....
Chinese	20.00	.....	.....
First	452.83	396.89	.....
Ocean View	25.00	50.00	.....
Park Presidio	58.75	129.07	.....
Sanger	14.08	11.04	.....
San Jose	283.52	420.00	200.00
San Leandro	51.15	31.36	.....
San Mateo	210.73	30.00	65.00
San Rafael	42.55	66.00	.....
Santa Cruz	225.00	310.00	.....
Santa Rosa	94.46	78.95	20 00
Saratoga	108.56	205.55	.....
Sebastopol	85.77	131.41	64.73
Sonoma	120.85	49.66	.....
Soquel	.....	88.00	80 84
Stockton	361.58	407.27	121.05
Suisun	51.94	68.48	33.25
Tulare	200.33	254.58	213 25
Weaverville	100.00	50.00	.....
Woodside	11.50	11.50	.....
Reno, Nevada	208.22	204 23	51 42
Miscellaneous	838.41	2,240 36	1,212.86
	$21.266.35	21,994.75	13,699.38

ALTURAS. On Easter Sunday Mrs. William M. Case, wife of the pastor, directed a lovely pageant, "The Risen Lord," during the Sunday school hour, which provided the first of two Easter services for the morning. The Sunday following Easter a cantata, prepared by the churches of Cedarville and Eagleville, was repeated in Alturas.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. Rev. Norio Ozaki on Palm Sunday had a congregation of 29 Issei Japanese in the afternoon and 36 Nisei in the evening at San Mateo. About 50 young people have been organized into a fellowship. At Oakland the regular church work goes on as usual.

PORT CHICAGO. A beautiful new sign has been installed in front of the church of redwood plank with natural finish and carved lettering. A fine group of young people is expecting to attend the Cazadero camp. Rev. W. C. Besselievre is active in the Lions' Club and Boy Scout work.

BERKELEY, FIRST. More than $25,000 has been received or pledged for the Mabel Hill Redfield memorial organ. Dr. Edith Bryan shares with Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, in problems of personal counselling. Dr. Loper's sermon, "Christian Opposition to Communism," has been printed.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. Working drawings for the new plant have been completed and bids have been called for. The members of the congregation and the pastor, Rev. Herbert Dimock, are waiting with bated breath, so to speak, hoping that they can see their way clear to build the much needed structure at once.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At a special Easter afternoon communion service 70 people joined the church and 24 children were baptized. A reception for new members followed. The church was host to the Bay Association on April 29. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

RIO VISTA. The church has acquired a record and amplifying system, which provides music for large social gatherings of young people and young adults. The Ladies' Aid Society keeps steadily at a clothing drive for overseas relief. Rev. J. N. Bridges is pastor.

CAMPBELL. During the Easter season, 24 members were received, bringing the total during the past year and a half to 61. A new college group has been formed which is holding regular weekly meetings. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Easter offering reached a total of more than $1300. The young adults of Plymouth Church held a discussion on April 13th as to what is necessary for world peace, and a summary of remarks was printed in the "Christian Neighbor." This church will again be host to the Laboratory School for Christian teaching. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is the pastor.

NILES. After being without a resident pastor since the summer of 1946, the church has unanimously called Mr. Donald Kirkbride soon to graduate from the Pacific School of Religion. Mr. Kirkbride has accepted and is on the field at work, and is delighted with the prospects ahead. During the interim, the church was supplied by Rev. Burton M. Palmer and Rev. W. H. L. Marshall.

TULARE. The traditional Good Friday service brought together a large congregation, which filled the church. Thirty-one people were received into membership. The church and Sunday School space was filled to capacity for Easter and every chair was used, including some from the parsonage. This church entertained the San Joaquin Valley Association. Rev. Clayton H. Gill is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. It has been decided to paint the church, with volunteer labor, on June 21. On the same day there will be a cleanup of the back yard. On the following Monday interior decorators will go to work cleaning the church and lobby. The women will serve lunch for the workers. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong, the pastor, was speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Richmond Rotary Club on May 9.

LODI, FIRST. The church is engaged in preparation for its 75th anniversary to be held on May 24th and 25th. It was organized in 1872 as the First Congregational Church in Mokelumne Station. One year later, the name of the city was changed to Lodi. Rev. A. R. Boone, who has been pastor more than 10 years, has served longer than any previous minister.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Fourteen people were received into fellowship on April 3rd at the Maundy Thursday Communion. A very attractive 8-page booklet has been prepared setting forth the various activities and departments of the church. It also includes a map of the vicinity. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. Thirty-two members were received on Maundy Thursday. The Sunday School is crowding its present accommodations. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is conducting a Bible study class on the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month. New members were welcomed on Mother's Day.

PARLIER. Rev. A. B. Hussian has resigned and is living with a son at Selma. The church is being supplied by various ministers.

PETALUMA: Twenty-five new members were welcomed at the candlelight communion service on Maundy Thursday. Total attendance on Easter was 262. The Maundy Thursday attendance was double that of the year previous. The Sunday School enrollment is now up 68%. The church gave more than $2700 for all benevolences during the last year. Mrs. Herbert Gans, wife of the minister, delivered the sermon on Mother's Day.

ORINDA. A complete relocation of the site for the new church has been worked out which will put it in the center of a beautiful area dedicated for public purposes. Parking space will be available and the church will be located within view of a large part of the Orinda area. Thirty new members were received at a special Communion Service held in April. The church is suffering a loss in the removal of Dr. Galen M. Fisher from Orinda to Berkeley.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Seven new members were received at the Maundy Thursday communion. Fourteen persons were baptized on Palm Sunday and Easter. On the Sunday following Easter Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, was absent and services were cared for by Rev. M. J. Minkler. The choir of the church closed music week with a great concert on the evening of Mother's Day.

ALAMEDA. At the annual meeting held on May 13 the treasurer reported all bills paid in all funds. The trustees have voted to take advantage of the offer of a young stonemason in providing a barbecue fireplace for the young people in the back of the parsonage lot. A fine group of new members was received during April. Rev. Ralph V. Conrad, the pastor, baptized seven children on Palm Sunday.

FAIRFAX. Eight new members were received on Easter, making a total of ten this year. The building was packed for the Easter service. There are now 120 in the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. McDowell will devote full time to the work during the summer. Rev. Rudolph Caughey assisted at the Palm Sunday communion.

SALIDA. Sixteen members have been added during the year. The lot surrounding the parsonage has been leveled and planted. Studies are being made for a social hall to be built some time in the future. The church entertained the Central Association. Mr. Albert King is pastor.

SONOMA. Attendance on Easter was 302. The average attendance at the Sunday School equals the enrollment. The church will soon have a new coat of paint. Rev. Joseph O. Todd is pastor.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. This church has bought a parsonage directly across the street from the church building. They are engaged in an effort to raise about $2500 to supplement cash on hand. There will be rental from one flat amortizing the amount of the mortgage. Rev. Buell Gallagher was one of the principal speakers on Religious Emphasis Week at the campus of the University of California. A college-age group is in process of formation. On April 27th the Community Center gave an anniversary tea with a delightful program of music. They reported that in the three-year period there had been 2300 meetings in the Center with a total attendance by 3000 different people of 45,500. Many groups are using the facilities of the building and there have been 14 types of adult classes. The Center is under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Claiborne.

PESCADERO. Upon the resignation of Mr. Donald Kirkbride, the church has turned to Miss Helen D. Thomas, student at the Pacific School of Religion, and she has been at work. Miss Thomas is a native of New Hampshire and has been a high school teacher. It is her expectation to devote full time to the work of the church during the summer and continue on a week-end basis during the coming school year. The church has acquired a very good second-hand reed organ from the Suisun church.

PORTERVILLE. Twenty - three new members have been received since January. The church was saddened by the death of Leon H. Smith, active layman and member of the Board of Directors of the state Conference. He died suddenly while sitting at the supper table. The building is used by many outside groups, the latest being Alcoholics Anonymous. The two choirs of the church took part in the annual music week service. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor, exchanged pulpits with the pastor at Wasco on May 18.

SAN MATEO. This church accepted with keen regret the resignation of Rev. Sidney H. Buckham as pastor. Another column in The Pacific sets forth the important work to which Mr. Buckham is going. An appreciation dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Buckham, with a capacity crowd, was given on May 15. It was also a welcome to the new minister, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell. Mr. Gaskell has been the associate pastor and has accepted the call until the next annual meeting in order to give the church absolute freedom of action at that time.

SUISUN. Rev. Donald Maccallum has closed his work and will for a time supply the Methodist Church at Central Valley. Mr. Milburn J. Diller, student at Pacific School of Religion, has been called to the Suisun church.

CLOVERDALE. This church continues without a regular pastor. Rev. Corwin L. Olds preached on Easter Sunday, and two members were received.

PALO ALTO. Sixteen new members were received at the Maundy Thursday communion. For the first time two identical services were held on Easter. The church was crowded at both services. The anthem, "An Easter Symphony" (Rusch), combined choral, organ, string quartet, and spoken word in a most beautiful and dramatic manner. A committee has prepared a plan for remodeling the chancel. Another committee is meeting to study the need and the possibilities and the approximate time for building on a new site. Action on the first proposal will depend somewhat on report of the second committee. The church board voted to support the Conference proposal for securing an extension director and voted up to $150 to help finance it. The average attendance the first three months of this year is almost double that of last year. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday is the minister.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The debt has been paid. For many long years it has been a burden and a blight on the work and progress of this church! The debt goes back to 1912. The church more and more is the center of community life with many groups using the facilities. The Optimists' Club of the Mission is helping to sponsor the Saturday morning Boys' Club program. Rev. E. LeRoy Abbott, the pastor, is on the City Marriage Education Committee and the Council of Churches Commission on Industrial Relations.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. About 60 teachers are members of this church, and all were invited on Public Schools Sunday. The committee on invitation included the state Superintendent of Public Instruction, president and members of the faculty of Sacramento College, and principals and teachers of other Sacramento schools. Thirty-three persons have already signified their intention of joining the church the last Sunday in May; there were 66 in the Easter class. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. On Holy Thursday 63 new members were received at the candlelight communion service. This is the largest number ever received by the church at one time, the nearest approach having been following the Dwight L. Moody evangelistic meetings when 56 were received. Many people were compelled to stand during the Easter service. The Pilgrim Fellowship was in charge on the Sunday following Easter. The church was host to the Santa Clara Association. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

FOWLER. The exterior of the church and parsonage have been painted. A pulpit Bible and brass altar fixtures have been secured. Rev. Sarkis Papajian is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. The membership of this church now stands at 573. More than 400 have been received since the coming of Rev. John H. Gregg as pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER. Thirty - six new members joined during the Easter season, and 26 children and adults were baptized. The membership now is 500. The church will be host to the General Council of German-Speaking Congregational Churches in America. Among the guest speakers will be Rev. Lloyd Lorbeer of India, President Ronald Bridges of the Pacific School of Religion, Rev. Clarence F. Reidenbach of Oakland, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The church is securing a permit to build. The new structure will have a seating capacity of 600 and a two-story addition for educational work. The parsonage will also be erected. Six lots have been purchased in an unchurched area. Rev. F. W. Gross is pastor.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS. A crisis has come in the life of this church. The new state highway will take the whole tier of blocks in which the building is located. After many negotiations it has been agreed that the Highway Department will purchase a new site and will move the building, which is a very large structure with a seating capacity in the auditorium of 1200 or more. The unfortunate part of it is that the church will be located in the very same block with the Zion Church. Incidentally, about forty homes belonging to members of the church are also being moved. Rev. B. H. Kissler is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN. The church has been favored with visits by Dr. Stanley U. North and Mr. William Kincaid Newman of the Congregational Board of Home Missions discussing plans for the new building. Services of worship were held in gardens of active members on May 4th with Dr. North as preacher and on Mother's Day, May 11th, with Rev. Mary McKee Chester as minister. Permission to build has been granted. A well on the property has been drilled and some trees have been planted.

SANTA ROSA. On Palm Sunday 20 people united with the church. The Sunday School is growing and is well attended. Rev. George R. Tolson the pastor, won first place in an essay contest on "The Value of Clinical Training of Theological Students." The contest was open to all students in graduate theological schools who had had such training. This essay has been published as one chapter of a booklet on "What Is There In The Ministry?" The other chapters were written by Prof. A. P. Coe and Dr. Ralph B. Hyslop.

OROVILLE. There are now 150 in the Church School. The church has excellent music under a fine choir. The Oroville church was host to the Sacramento Valley Association.

SANGER. The church will observe its 40th anniversary on the last Sunday in August. It hopes to have some delegates at Cazadero. Rev. Edward Hildebrand is the pastor.

SAN LORENZO. Just as Pacific goes to the printers word comes from the United States Navy that this church is to have the very unique and commodious McGann chapel from Camp Shoemaker. This building created widespread interest among architects. It is of quonset construction and yet so treated that it is beautiful and worshipful as well as commodious. Landscaping will be provided. There are many problems to be worked out in connection with its removal, but Rev. Homer A. Schwarz who has worked incessantly on the project can be trusted to carry it through to a successful conclusion. Twenty members were received during the Easter season bringing the total to 219. Average attendance at Sunday School in April was 152.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The new memorial chapel is both beautiful and serviceable. The lot has been graded and trees have been planted. Another workday is planned to prepare the property for dedication on Memorial Day. Seventy-five were present on Mother's Day. Guests have been entertained recently, the former pastor, Rev. J. K. Fukushima and his wife, and Rev. Seido Ogawa, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Christian Democracy. During the Easter season, Rev. George Aki, the pastor, received 3 into the fellowship of the church, two of whom have been Buddhists, and baptized 5 children and 1 adult. 3 of the children having Buddhist fathers and Christian mothers. The next project is a new parsonage.

CROCKETT. The church was filled to overflowing when the Sunday School presented its second annual Mother's Day program, the junior choir furnishing the music. Two members were received into the church. Young mothers will be honored at the next meeting of the Ladies' Aid. A stove and a refrigerator have been secured for the parsonage. More than 100 are now in the Sunday School. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson is pastor.

COTATI. Eight new members joined on Easter and three others two weeks later. New choir robes have been provided and a Mothers' Club has been organized. Mr. Walter J. Vernon, student at Pacific School of Religion, is the pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. Mr. Leland Mahood has returned from Chicago with his lovely new wife. Thirteen new members were received during the Easter season. The social hall is nearing completion.

SEBASTOPOL. Twenty-eight new members were received on April 20 and more are to come. Rev. James P. Sentor is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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A Memorable Day

The spring meeting of the Federation was held on April 17 at the First Congregational Church, Stockton, and had for its theme "My World, And I." The beautiful surroundings of this new church, the friendliness of those whom we met there, and a program planned for our pleasure and inspiration made it indeed a memorable day. The invocation was given by Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor of the church, and greetings were extended by Mrs. H. G. Bissell, president of their Fellowship.

THE AWAKENING INDIA

At the morning session we listened to an address, "India, Old And New," by Dr. Edna Beck Keislar, who has served as a medical missionary under the Methodist Board in the Punjab area for many years. She told us that there is a realization in India today that she has been asleep too long and is striving to stir herself out of the lethargy of centuries. In the India of old, fear and superstitution had been met with complete subjection and a darkness of mind not unlike a concrete wall which could not be penetrated in an effort to give spiritual help. Missions and government schools are accomplishing much in the elevation of general standards and there is a noticeable desire being manifested throughout the land to learn to read and write. Much remains still to be accomplished in elevating health standards. The people of India have a great deal to share with the world if they had but tools with which to work, for they have great love for color and are highly artistic. The people of darkened minds are coming to see that there is something in life beyond the drudgery, pain, and privation they have known in their effort to eke out a living. India is awakening! The way will be tedious, difficult, and discouraging, and above all she needs the help and understanding of the peoples of all nations.

Mrs. Keislar presented a charming picture attired in a rich blue dress and scarf representing what is worn by the modern day Indian woman. In direct contrast and to further demonstrate the trend in the emancipation of women, we were shown what they had to wear in years gone by; heavy unattractive costume covering the wearer completely. A small net screen in the head scarf before the eyes provided a very small amount of visibility. This represented Mohammaden womanhood in the India of old. Then came the unveiling and we saw Mrs. James Price slowly emerge, looking as though she had enjoyed it all but was very glad to be out in the world again.

A UNITED WORLD AND A NEW DECALOGUE

Following our chosen theme for the day, Rev. Eugene Haynes of North Church, Berkeley, gave us an especially fine service of devotion. Tracing the trend of our changing existence and increasing proximity in the world in which we live, 72 hours now to anywhere and back again, we were reminded that there is need also to adjust our spiritual alliance with the peoples of the world. Man can have no better relationship with his fellow man than he has with God. Life is being organized today in more and more intricate ways. The old individual morality is not enough, today it must be inclusive. Religion must venture forth into the social order. Is not a new decalogue of social ideals actually growing up in the Christian thought of our day?

Contemporary Commandments of Social Righteousness

1. I am the Lord Thy God, but thou shalt remember that I am also the God of all the earth. I have no favorite children. The Negro and the Hindu, the Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Mexican are all my beloved children.

2. Thou shalt not measure a city's greatness by its population or its bank clearings alone, but also by its infant mortality, its homes, playgrounds, schools, and hospitals, and low record for prostitution, robbery, and murder.

3. Thou shalt remember that no civilization can rise above the level of its respect for and ideals of womanhood.

4. Thou shalt remember thine own sins and build no prisons for revenge and punishment, but make thy courts clinics for the soul and thy jails hospitals for moral diseases.

5. Thou shalt remember that the end product of industry is not goods or dividends, but the kind of men and women whose lives are moulded by that industry.

6. Thou shalt press on from political democracy toward industrial democracy, remembering that no man is good enough or wise enough to govern another man without his consent, and that in addition to a living wage, every man craves a share in determining the conditions under which he labors.

7. Thou shalt outlaw war and make no threatening gestures either with great navies or vast military preparations against thy neighbor.

8. Thou shalt honor men for character and service alone, and dishonor none because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor by malicious propaganda or colored news or by calling him contemptuous names such as: Dago, Chink, Jap, Wop, Nigger, or Sheeney.

10. Thou shalt remember that when thine own ancestors were barbarians other men brought to them the saving and civilizing Christian gospel. Now that thou art rich and prosperous, beware lest thou export to Asia and Africa only thy science and efficiency, thy warships, goods, and moving picture films and forget to export the Christian message and the Christlike spirit also.

CHRIST HAS NO OTHER HANDS BUT YOURS

Mrs. James H. Price, past president of the Federation, addressed the women during the luncheon period, having for her subject, "Being the Hands of Christ," and outlining the work thus far accomplished through the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. We are finding out every day what must still be done, said Mrs. Price. Multiply your church membership by two and that is the amount your church should be giving in order that the work of the Committee may go forward. We must also give to regular benevolences 40 per cent more than in 1945. Christ has no other hands but yours—to give food, to heal, to strengthen faith, and to build fellowship.

WHAT CAN I DO?

At the afternoon session it was our privilege to hear Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, address us on "This I Ought To Do." Dr. Loper told us that he has always hesitated to say that it was a duty to go to church, for unless church attendance can be considered a privilege, unless we can feel that our church fills a gap in our lives which could be filled in no other way, unless one is a part of the things of fundamental importance which transpire in a church and which can fill one with new life, strength, and vigor, it would be without reason to associate duty with religion. Duty, however, has some part in religion, rebel as we may against it. As we stand facing life, we hear the commands which come out of our own hearts and if we heed them not, we suffer. These things I must do! The things which God would have me do! God understands what just one person alone can reasonably do. In offering our all we will have His power and His presence in our hearts. Let us ask ourselves concretely, truthfully, "What have I done?" Are we doing our part in helping our church to face its larger task in the world of today, reaching out beyond its own doors to other duies in the Kingdom of God? We may not tarry on mountain tops while the children of God are waiting in the valleys to be healed by those who have seen the vision. This we can do: perform our small tasks faithfully and well and in perfect confidence that to our side will come ultimate victory and that God will triumph in the end.

SORRY, NO ORCHIDS

The annual report of the Literature Secretary, Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, who in stark figures revealed what we hadn't been doing this past reading year, gave us much to ponder and it is to be hoped that this matter of reading will be considered seriously as we enter into a new year in Literature. Let's each one of us start now by first becoming familiar with the very fine reading list provided for us and then set about to avail ourselves of the many literary treats listed there. Mrs. Siegrist wishes to thank those who sent in splendid long reports and to congratulate the loyal readers represented—mostly in the smaller churches—but to the rest of us tsk! tsk!

IMPROVING

Friends of Rev. Burton M. Palmer who has been very ill for many weeks are more than happy to learn that he is improving and is able to be up and about his home and garden. He sends his loving greetings to all of his friends.

CAZADERO MANAGER

Mr. C. R. Lawrence has been appointed manager of Congregational Cazadero Camp. He has moved to the camp with his wife and three young children and is already at work getting the camp ready for use during the summer. Mr. Lawrence was at one time boys' work director of a YMCA, so has had experience in young people's work and in youth camps. The Cazadero Commission counts itself fortunate in securing his services.

MILLS COLLEGE INSTITUTE

The Institute of International Relations will hold its 13th annual session at Mills College June 22-July 1. Amongst the faculty personnel which has been announced are Viva Boothe of Ohio State University, Rayford Logan of Howard University of Washington, D.C., Morris Mitchell of the Southeast Cooperative League of Atlanta, Ga., George Taylor of University of Washington, and Laurence Sears of Mills College. The tuition for the entire period will be $15.00 for adults and accommodations for the 10 days including board, will be $40.00 for a single room, and $2.50 less per person in double room. Further information can be secured by writing to the Instiute of International Relations, 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco, 15.

MRS. W. W. FERRIER

A very large circle of friends have been saddened by the death of Mrs. Rosa D. Ferrier. She had served in many important capacities in our Congregational fellowship. She was a long time member of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific. She was program chairman for some years of the Federation of Congregational Women and helped many times in planning the annual meetings of the Conference. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. Her husband, Rev. W. W. Ferrier, former editor of The Pacific, passed away in 1945.

THE WHITAKERS

The Pacific is in receipt of a letter dated March 31st from Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, now in Tientsin, China. Mr. Whitaker is having Bible classes with the students at Pei Yang University. He also conducts Bible classes in two churches and he preaches once a month at one of the Chinese churches. Mrs. Whitaker is teaching in a middle school and has four or five English classes a week at the house. Frances is studying the Chinese language in Peiping.

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